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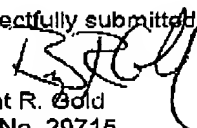
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Dear Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Patent Application of

Todd K. Whitehurst et al.

Application No. 09/929,596

Conf. No. 9185

Filed: August 13, 2001

For: Fully Implantable Neurostimulator for
Autonomic Nerve Fiber Stimulation as a
Therapy for Urinary and Bowel Dysfunction

Group Art Unit: 3762

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCECommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant notes with appreciation the Notice of Allowance in this application mailed January 17, 2006. Accordingly, the Applicant files the issue fee herewith and makes the following comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance contained in the Notice of Allowance.

In general, Applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, Applicant believes that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the claims might be paraphrased.

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In particular, Applicant believes that the Examiner's construction of the term "stimulator" in applying the Lue et al. reference (U.S. Patent No. 4,739,764) went beyond the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claim terms as they would have been understood by one of skill in the art. Consequently, Applicant continues to traverse the applicability of the Lue et al. reference to the claims as they existed previous to the Examiner's amendment in the Notice of Allowance.

Applicant believes that, as properly understood by one of skill in the art, Applicant's claims, absent the Examiner's amendment, would still be patentably distinct from the teachings of Lue et al. However, to expedite allowance of this application, Applicant has agreed to the Examiner's amendment without agreeing with the Examiner's reasons for making the amendment or the effect of the amendment on the claims as described by the Examiner.

Respectfully Submitted,

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